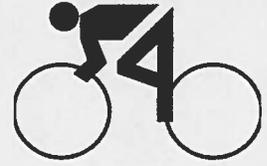




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GREATER ALBUQUERQUE BICYCLING ADVISORY COMMITTEE

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MEETING MINUTES

JULY 11, 2016

Members Present

Scott Hale
Moises Gonzalez

Ed Hillsman
Scot Key
Doug Stiebler

Staff Present

Jason Coffey, COA-Parks and Recreation
Debbie Bauman, COA-DMD
Savannah Torres, COA-DMD
Hugh Hulse, COA-Parks and Recreation
Josef Jansen, COA-DMD
Margaret Haynes, NMDOT-District 3
Tom Menicucci, COA-Council Services
Carmelita Michaud, COA APD
Carrie Barkhurst, COA-Planning Department

Guests

Eric Froberg
Sara Lavy
John Barncastle
Jim Fordice

Debbie Bauman called the meeting to order

(4:32pm)

- **Welcome and Introductions**
- **Approval of the Agenda - Unanimous**
- **Approval of June 2016 Meeting Minutes - Unanimous**

- **Public Comment**

John Barncastle provided the following comments: NMDOT is working on a project to redesign the Rio Bravo and I-25 interchange. He feels it is a terrible design and asked that the project be presented to GABAC for their comment. Doug Stiebler offered that he has been the GABAC geographic representative involved in the development of the project. Scot Key also offered that the project has been to GABAC before and that the comments they have provided were addressed by NMDOT.

- **Announcements/Administrative**

Meeting Format..... Chair

- Please wait until recognized to begin Comment/Questions
- Written Questions/Comments and/or Response may be requested

- **Paradise Widening Project: Golf Course to Eagle Ranch - Presentation by Sara Lavy, Parametrix and Savannah Torres, DMD**

Sara reviewed the project with the Committee. The Committee expressed frustration that the project was close to 90% designed and that this was the first time they were being asked to review/comment. They also expressed frustration that plans for the project were provided to the Committee without enough time to review prior to the meeting.

The purpose of the project is to improve lane and facility continuity. The roadway is currently a four-lane facility to Golf Course and then drops down to two lanes. Bike lanes exist but are not continuous and don't extend to Golf Course.

Bike lane will be 4 feet with 2 foot buffer; there will be a 12 foot wide multiuse trail from Eagle Ranch to Golf Course connecting to the existing path west of Golf Course.

Signal modifications are also included; a double right turn lane eastbound on Paradis to southbound Eagle Ranch will be constructed. Driving lanes widths will be reduced to 10.5 foot lanes.

What is the speed limit going to be? On the plans it shows 40 and 45 mph; will speed limits be reduced? Savannah responded that the City has received comments from the public regarding the need to take look at speeding issues. They will be addressing the comments.

What was the level of community involvement in the development of this project? The driving behavior in this location is very erratic and convoluted. A double right turn lane is incredibly dangerous for bicyclists especially when combined with high speed traffic. What drove the decision making process for this project? Savannah said that there was a public meeting held in early June. The meeting was advertised and was attended by 30 or 40 people. The question was asked how the meeting was advertised. The response was that it was run in the Journal and that notifications were sent to the neighborhood associations within one mile of the project.

There are many more people who utilize this facility that reside outside a one mile radius. The commuters who use this facility need to have the opportunity to provide their feedback.

Staff would like comments from Committee members by July 15th.

What is the process to petition for lower speeds on this roadway? Savannah will speak with Traffic Engineering and note the comment.

By building things in a piecemeal fashion, the City is putting people in dangerous situations. What are the plans for Eagle Ranch? A map was provided by Ron Romero a few meetings ago showing a list of maintenance projects – what are the plans then for Eagle Ranch and how does Paradise fit in the picture? Engineering is not aware of any plans for Eagle Ranch.

Why isn't this project accounted for in the Bikeways and Trails Facilities Plan? Why is this project adding a shared use path? Carrie mentioned that this is included in the Plan.

Was the STRAVA data used to see what the bike usage is on this facility? You can see that people are cutting through the neighborhood. GABAC was previously told that bike lanes were to be added to Eagle Ranch between Paradise and Irving. What happened to that?

There needs to be better notification to GABAC regarding projects affecting bicycle facilities.

Engineering will be meeting with Traffic regarding the request to lower speed limits. Scott Hale asked to be included in that meeting.

- **GABAC Member Reports**

No GABAC member reports. GABAC members appreciated getting the Staff reports in advance of the meeting.

- **Staff Reports**

 - **DMD Engineering**

 - Information on the first four items on the agenda was not received. The issue mentioned at the June meeting regarding homelessness at the 12th Street/I-40 underpass has been reported to Clean Cities and APD. Clean Cities will be cleaning the area.

 - Schedule for updating of Bike Map - list of changes already identified by Engineering to be provided to Ed. Ed will review and note if any additional changes are requested. The Administration did not approve of all the changes. Hugh Hulse asked if there was a reason that the map is updated annually. There isn't much that changes from year to year – is it a good expenditure of funds? There were a number of changes needed from the 2015 map and now that these are being addressed we will hopefully get to a point where we don't have to update it annually.

 - Bike Friendly City application is due August 8th.

 - Debbie will not be available for the August meeting; Eric Froberg, Ty Linn, who is the consultant who has been assisting Sprinkle Consulting with the LAB application will be facilitating the August meeting. There was no comment received during the meeting about this notice.

 - Signal timing is still an issue on a number of corridors. Zuni will have the same problems as San Pedro. Tom will inquire of Council regarding the cost to do a signal timing study of both San Pedro and Zuni. Yellow and red phases are the problem as they favor the vehicular movement. The green time in most situations doesn't allow enough time for a cyclist to get across a facility.

 - **Parks and Recreation**

 - Paseo de la Mesa has been finished. The Rio Bravo NMDOT project was presented to GARTC and they will be submitting comments to NMDOT. The bollards Phase 3 project is completed; there are 15 bollards in the inventory for use as needed. The Black Arroyo Trail project is still waiting for the encroachment license. The Bridge Evaluation Study has been initiated and the GIS database development is in progress.

 - Singer Bridge – July 18th was supposed to be the date when the detour begins.

 - **NMDOT District 3**

 - Nothing to report.

 - **APD**

 - Officer Michaud has been with the City for the past 9 years. Most of the bike officers are in the valley area and there are 7 of them. There are other certified bike officers but there are only 7 full time bike officers at this time.

Questions:

Has anyone ever been cited for violating the 5-foot rule? It is a daily happening here. Is there a penalty for violating it? The Officer will look into the question, but it is a hard to measure situation and hard to enforce. It was mentioned that any cyclist that gets hit by a car is a victim of that violation. She will speak to Bernalillo County about this.

Scott Hale mentioned that Officer Garcia used to attend GABAC and was able to provide statistics. It would really be nice if we could get consistent involvement from APD at our meetings.

Are officers trained to evaluate crashes involving bikes? Hugh mentioned that a lot of times the Bernalillo County bike unit responds because they will often come by Esperanza to get bikes – AJ Rodriquez especially.

Council Services

Silver Avenue Phase 1 construction – there is a meeting on July 14th (Dan corrected). Scott asked that any available drawings be sent out to the Committee for review in advance of the meeting. Tom will forward the link to the drawings.

Are there any updates on the re-striping of Lead? Tom will ask the Councilor when he returns from vacation.

Planning

Comp Plan and IDO meetings: July 23rd EPC Study Session. First EPC formal hearing is August 4th in City Council Chambers from 1 – 8 PM. August 2nd will be the last day that written comments will be received.

DPM: the update of this document is not really a public process. There is an executive committee that reviews the comments and recommendations from staff. But the DPM is not adopted by Council.

It was discussed that there are sufficiency standards for bridges; and pavement ratings to judge the condition of roadway pavement; why can't the same apply to trails and bike facilities? It would be great if Planning and DMD could help come up with a way to audit facilities. If there was a website where people could submit input about where problems and deficiencies are. Carrie suggested that this is a staffing issue – the technology is there but the staff requirement isn't. Scott Hale noted that the Comp Plan missed the opportunity to do this.

Discussion/Action Item(s)

Meeting Adjourned at 6:40 pm